# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TRIBAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme for development of forest villages during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) & (b): The programme for Development of Forest Villages was launched in 2005-06, during the Tenth Plan.There are 2,474 forest villages/ habitations in the country, spread over 12 States and so far proposals covering 2,413 forest villages in 12 States have been approved and Rs. 59856.26 lakh has been released towards this purpose.A statement showing State-wise release of funds since 2005-06 is enclosed at Annex-I.

Under the programme, infrastructure work relating to basic services and facilities viz. approach roads, healthcare, primary education, minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting, drinking water, sanitation, community halls, etc. and activities related to livelihood are taken up for implementation, as the inhabitants of such habitations have been traditionally deprived of development available in the revenue villages.

Initially this programme was expected to last till the end of the 10th Plan;however,this is being continued during 11th Plan period, keeping in view the need for providing sufficient amenities to these forest villages.